

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

1.-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) ~~A biologically pure fungal isolate having all the identifying characteristics of *Talaromyces* sp. B-422 strain~~ which is deposited as having the accession number FERM BP-08516, deposited under the Budapest Treaty and controls seed-borne disease of Gramineous plants.

22. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising an active culture of the isolate of claim 21 and a solid or liquid carrier.

23. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 22 which comprises an effective amount of said isolate sufficient for controlling diseases caused by *Gibberella fujikuroi* and *Burkholderia plantarii*.

24. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 22 further comprising an insecticide, a nematicide, a miticide, a herbicide, or a plant growth stimulator.

25. (Withdrawn) A method for controlling diseases caused by *Gibberella fujikuroi* and *Burkholderia plantarii*, comprising applying an effective amount of the *Talaromyces* strain according to claim 21 as an active fungus.

26. (Withdrawn) A method for controlling diseases caused by *Gibberella fujikuroi* and *Burkholderia plantarii*, wherein a gramineous plant, a gramineous plant seed, a soil for raising seedling of a gramineous plant, a rock wool for raising seedling of a gramineous plant, and/or a nursery box for raising seedling of a gramineous plant are treated with the *Talaromyces* strain according to claim 21.

27. (Withdrawn) A Gramineous plant treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.

28. (Withdrawn) A Gramineous plant seed treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.

29. (Withdrawn) A soil for raising seedling of a Gramineous plant treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.

30. (Withdrawn) A rock wool for raising seedling of a Gramineous plant treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.

31. (Withdrawn) A nursery box for raising seedling of a Gramineous plant treated by a method as claimed in claim 25.